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Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 21-0309 September 8, 2021 Date: Bill Status: **Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Danielson Signed into Law Rep. Duran; Ortiz Fiscal Analyst: Sonia Hatfield | 303-866-5851 Sonia.Hatfield@state.co.us **Bill Topic: BALLOT ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES** Summary of ☐ State Revenue □ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government ☐ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity This bill allows voters with disabilities to return their ballots electronically. FY 2021-22, it will minimally increase state workload. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. Summary: **Fiscal Note** This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill. Status:

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows some voters with disabilities to return their ballots electronically. Currently, a voter with a disability who uses an electronic voting device must print the paper record and mail it to the applicable election official. This bill allows the voter to print and mail the ballot or return it electronically.

State Expenditures

This bill will minimally increase workload in the Department of State (SOS). To allow a ballot to be returned electronically, the SOS must grant voters with disabilities access to the electronic emergency ballot platform. This increase in workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 21, 2021, and it took effect September 7, 2021.

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